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## **MINI CHALLENGE 2017- IAQUINTA CHAMPION IN PRO CLASS**

### **GIORGI TAKES WIN IN LITE CLASS**

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**USPA NEWS** - Simone Iaquinta is the champion of the Mini Challenge 2017. The driver from Calabria did not take risks and kept the top of the standings, winning two second places in the last season stage on the Mugello circuit. Taking advantage, among other things, of the false step of his direct rival Gianluca Calcagni, only in sixth place in race 1: this was probably the key moment of the season, thus enabling the decisive stretch in the championship rankings.

The first challenge had gone to Luca Rangoni, while in the second test, Filippo Maria Zanin had tried a comeback on Iaquinta now almost impossible, reassembling and succeeding in climbing the third stage of the podium but never compromising the leadership of Calabria. Success in Race 2 went to the exiting Gustavo Sandrucci, guest of Mini Italia for this last seasonal test.

Among the MINI John Cooper Works Challenge Lite, however, was the first race to award the title to Gabriele Giorgi. Despite the fifth place in the first challenge, the Tuscan pilot could celebrate with the many fans who came for him on the Tuscan circuit. The new champion then resumed in race 2, climbing on the second step of the podium behind the "usual" Kevin Giovesi, author of a double in Mugello, after the two wins of Vallelunga.

Special mention goes to the driver from San Marino, Ugo Federico Bagnasco who made his debut in the Lite category in Vallelunga earlier this year, coming in fourth place earning important points for his team Reggio Motori- Team Dinamic. The young driver placed his car in fifth place in the season finale although he was having technical issues throughout the entire race. His teammate and experienced driver, Gianpiero Pindari takes second place in championship in Lite class.

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